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## COL. ASTOR'S YACHT ON ROCKS

NOURMAHAL COMES TO GRIEF WITH HER OWNER ABOARD.

Hung for Eight Hours, but Palled Off Without a Leak-Race for Astor Cups Postponed on Account of This Mishap and the Accident to the Minecia.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 15 .- Col. John Jacob Astor's big steam yacht Nourmahal while starting out to Brenton's Reef lightship to follow the racing yachts over the course to-day in the contest for the Astor cups went on the rocks in Brenton's Cove. She hung there for nearly eight hours and was then pulled off by the tug H. B. Cham-berlain. It is said that she has not been injured, as she does not leak, but her plates

The 70 footer Mineola, owned by William Ross Proctor and in charge of Capt. Charles Barr, while going out to the starting line sprung her mast and has to go to Bristol to get a new one. These two incidents, together with the storm that has raged here all day and the heavy rain, gave all hands plenty to talk about.

The races for the Astor cups are annual events. Col. Astor has given these trophies since the death of the late Ogden Goelet and the Astor cups are the successors to the Goelet, cups. To win an Astor cup is the ambition of every racing yachtsman and Astor cup day is one of the social events of the season. All the big yachts take out large parties, and a gala time is had.

As usual, invitations were sent out by the owners of the large yachts, and Col. Astor had arranged to have a large party on the Nourmahal, and that vessel was to have been the judges' boat, having on board the regatta committee. The rain kept many from accepting these invitations, but some sixteen were taken from the club float on board the Utopia, Col. Astor's electric launch, and transferred to the Nourmahal, which was at anchor in Brenton's Cove. Among those in the party were Col. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph La Roque, Jr., T. A. Havemeyer, H. O. Havemeyer, Jr., Charles Sands, F. A. Plummer, Ernest Iselin, Miss Iselin and the Messrs. Roche. The regatta committee is Oliver E. Cromwell, H. de B. Parsons and Franklin A. Plummer. They boarded the Nourmahal about 10 o'clock, and as the start for the race was to be made at 10:45 o'clock off the lightship the Nourmahal's anchor was got up and the vessel began to poke her nose through the fleet of yachts in the cove. Capt. Fickett had charge and Col. Astor, clad in oilskins, was on the bridge

There was a large fleet in the cove and getting out was a nasty job, particularly as a reef runs from Fort Adams in a northeasterly direction. The Nourmahal was moored so that her stern swung over the buoy that marks the end of the reef. On the weather side of the Nourmahal was the brigantine rigged yacht Apache, chartered to Arthur T. Kemp, and near by were the Vergemere, Erl King, Josephine, Thistle, Baracouta and several other large vessels. The wind was blowing hard from the northeast, and suddenly the Nourmahal was caught by the wind and driven hard on the reef so that at least four feet of her underbody at the bow showed clear of the water Her hull dragged over the rocks with a harsh grating and some of the more timid on board thought that she must have torn holes in the plating. Engines were reversed, but all efforts to get the vessel off failed.

A hurried examination showed that no damage had been done that was serious, and Col. Astor assured his guests that they need not be alarmed. The Nourmahal listed to port and rested easily. As the regatte committee some time later declared the race off for the day, those on board did not miss anything, and after luncheon all went ashore. At high tide in the evening, the tug H. B. Chamberlain pulled the Nourmahal into deep water. She came off at 6:50 o'clock, apparently none the worse for her experience

The Nourmahal is one of the best known yachts in these waters. She was built some years ago for the late William Astor. father of the present owner, and was then rigged as a bark. She is 230 feet long. and for a boat of her size is quite speedy When Col. Astor was married to Miss Will ing the Nourmahal was specially fitted out for the wedding trip. She has had many socidents since Col. Astor has owned her. Some years ago, she went on the reef in the Hudson River off New Hamburg. She was then on her way to New York' to go out to the races between the Valkyrie and Defender, but instead of going to the races had to go into drydock. A few days later, while on her way out to the Hook Col. Astor had the wheel and he drove her bowsprit into a ferryboat. The ferryboat was badly damaged and the yacht lost her bowsprit, but she went outside just the

The Mineola is one of the crack 70-footers She was entered in the race to-day, and early in the morning preparations were made for the spin. Sails were hoisted and a club topsail was sent aloft.

About 10 o'clock she got under way and stood out by Fort Adams toward the lightship. The wind had freshened considerably but Capt. Barr was content with the conditions and with sheets pinned in flat drove the yacht on toward the lightship, which was bobbing about on the water like a cork. The Mineola had Mr. Proctor, her owner and Frank Bowne Jones on board, and Mr Proctor's steamer Mermaid was following closely. When just clear of Beaver Tail the yacht got a hard knockdown. She heeled so that the water piled on her lee side and boiled up to her hatches.

She went over further than any 70-footer ever heeled before, and many who saw her thought she would capsize or carry away something. Capt. Barr was at the wheel Then she drove her nose into a big sea and picking up the wat r shook it aft. Another sea caught her under the bow, but she staggered on. Then she suddenly shot into the wind and it was found that the mast had split at the deck. It was a

wonder that it had not been carried away. The Mineola limped back to her moorthe Roamer, was at once consulted by Mr. Proctor about getting a new spar. The spar was shaped during the day, and the Mineola will go to Bristol to-morrow morning to have it stepped. This accident will put the yacht out of racing for several days. and she will not be able to take part in the ocean race from Marblehead to Halifax which is to be started next Monday.

Nothing Quite Equals It.

BRAVE RESCUE OF FISHERMEN.

Woman and Two Men Were in Great Peril in Crippled Launch Off Sea Bright. SEA BRIGHT, Aug. 15 .- A thrilling rescue of two men and a woman was witnessed by 500 people off Sea Bright beach this evening. The rescued party were Mr. and Mrs. Will

Poughkeepsie. Their 32 foot naphtha launch, Media, is tied to Jesse V. Cook's pound stake and will be brought ashore early to-morrow morn-The Media was bound for the Highlands. When off Sea Bright she encountered a severe rainstorm accompanied by sharp lightning. The sea was rough. The engine picked up a stick of wood and became disabled. The yacht drifted till it struck the pound pole off Low Moor, about a quarter of a mile out at sea, and there Capt. Donaldson made fast.

iam Stanton and Capt. T. L. Donaldson of

Capt. Donaldson displayed the signal of distress, the inverted flag. Capt. James H. Mulligan and crew of Station No. 4 at Monmouth Beach saw the vessel, but the captain says that he saw no signal of dis-

Howard Applegate, a fisherman, saw the plight of the launch and hastened from Monmouth Beach to Sea Bright, where he called upon Peter Munson, another fisher-They considered the party in the launch in great danger. Munson had just returned from New York, but although fatigued he agreed with Applegate and a third man, Oliff Jensen, to go to the rescue.

The trio launched Munson's boat. They were soon on their way to the helpless vacht. The waves were breaking heavily and the men had a hard time to reach th launch. It was a perilous journey, but they arrived safely and soon landed Capt. Donaldson and Mr. and Mrs. Stanton. The party were taken to the home of Smith Newman, where they were hospitably cared for for

Capt. Donaldson was grateful to the volunteer fishing crew for coming to their assistance. "We were in great danger," he said.

THE NEW SHOREHAM SINKS.

Barely Reached a Block Island Whari With 100 Passengers.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.; Aug. 15 .- The passenger steamer New Shoreham of the New London Block Island line struck a sunken scow off Block Island at 2 o'clock this afternoon and sprang a leak. She barely reached the wharf and rested on her bottom.

The 100 passengers and the crew were taken safely off. The New Shoreham is a wooden screw steamboat, running between Norwich,

New London, Watch Hill and Block Island. She is 151 feet long and was built at East Boston in 1901. It was very heavy weather, so heavy that other steamers which ply between here and

the Island turned back when they got outside, but the New Shoreham, which is built to stand heavy weather, kept on her trip. She ran into the scow while making the harbor at the Island and opened a seam After making her dock she slowly settled

and finally rested on the bottom in twelve feet of water. It was impossible for her passengers to return so they got accommodations on the island for the night and will be sent to Newport to-morrow.

CHINESE BOYCOTT TO FAIL.

## Merchants' Losses Cause a Reaction and

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Aug. 16 .- A despatch to the Morning Post from Shanghai says that the boyoott of American goods has disorganized the market. Many Chinese merchants have lost heavily owing to the financial stringency. Native newspapers now discourage the movement and it is believed that it will soon collapse.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- What are believed to be important advices concerning the Chinese boycott arrived at the State Department to-day. Acting Secretary Adee said the despatches were of such a nature that he did not feel at liberty to make them public, but that they might be given to the press at Oyster Bay, whither they had been ent to President Roosevelt.

It is understood that the despatenes ar quite encouraging, indicating that the boycott movement is confined to a great extent to Shanghai, where it originated. and it is not meeting with the success in other parts of the empire that has attended it there. The promoters of the boycott

The despatches received to-day are believed to say that the efforts of the agitators are not as successful in exciting an anti-American movement as has been thought. It is understood also that a report coming through the consular service on the boycott situation in Canton says that the movement has not gained much headway there.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 15 .- It is known that the State Department has forwarded a document, presumably a cablegram from Minister Rockhill, bearing on the Chinese boycott of American goods, but to-night the President declined to make it public.

## ASBURY PARK LIQUOR LAW. Popular Vote on License on Friday-Dr.

Ballard Defles Mayor Tenbrocck. ASBURY PARK, Aug. 15.—Dr. A. E. Ballard, referring to the statement of Mayor Frank L. Tenbroeck in the liquor license debate last night that he had bought drinks under the shadow of the Auditorium in Ocean Grove, said to-day: "I believe Mayor

Tenbroeck's statement is a lie, and I defy him to prove it." "What have you to say to that?" the

Mayor was asked. Mayor Tenbroeck said: "I suppose it merely a case of my word against Dr. Ballard's; but I am willing to make an affidavit that I received and paid for two bottles of beer at a hotel"-the Mayor named one of Ocean Grove's largest hostelries-"and I made the statement last evening not to cast a reflection on Ocean Grove but to show that with all their carefulness over there beer has been sold, although perhaps not as openly as in Asbury Park. I do not care to enter into any controversy with Dr. Ballard, but I do not make a statement unless it is the truth, and I am sure

that what I said last evening is." The liquor contest in Asbury Park is growing so hot that factions are forming, and a whirlwind campaign is threatened. The election on Friday to register Asbury's sentiments on the booze question will continue from 7 A. M. until 6 P. M. The City Clerk has been directed to keep a poll of the women voting. Sentiment on the question to-day is about equally divided,

DEEP PROBE, HIGGINS SAYS.

FACTS ABOUT EQUITABLE'S \$685,-000 LOAN TO COME OUT.

Odell Negatives Indorsement of Jerome for District Attorney by Republicans -Cits Aiready Committed to Jerome, So That Fusion Looks a Little Remote.

Gov. Higgins, who will sail on Friday for Europe on the Cedric, came to town yesterday with Mrs. Higgins. She suffers from hay fever at this time of the year and it is the purpose of the Governor to try if a sea voyage will not give her speedier re-lief than the usual mountain air remedy. The Governor and his wife will be away It was not known that the Governor was

coming to this city yesterday and he had no callers other than Collector Stranshan and President F. C. Gunnison of the State Gas Commission, for whom he sent. Mr. Odell, who also was here vesterday, knew that the Governor was here, but did not go near the Albemarle Hotel, where Mr. Higgins is staying. When the Governor was asked if he expected Mr. Odell to call upon him before he started for Europe he replied tersely that he had no such anticipation, because he had made no appointment to meet Mr. Odell.

Mr. Higgins was averse to saying much on current matters. Of the insurance investigation he said that the committee could be relied upon to make a thorough and searching inquiry. He did not expect he said, to meet any of the members of the committee before he sailed, and he had no information as to the lines along which the investigation would be conducted. As to the \$685,000 Mercantile Trust Company loan, Mr. Higgins said that the whole of the facts with regard to the transaction. would be brought out by the committee When asked if the committee would get that part of Superintendent Hendricks's report relating to the loan, he replied that he had no doubt that it would.

The Governor said that the petition prepared by Senator Page appealing to the State Gas Commission to reduce the price of gas in this city to 75 cents would unquestionably receive the immediate attention of that body. If the commission found that the price of gas in this city was excessive, its powers were so wide that it had the authority to lessen the cost to the con-

The Governor will not appoint the fifth member of the State Railroad Commission until after his return from Europe.

That District Attorney Jerome will not only not be considered by the Republican organization as a possible nominee for Mayor, but will not even receive the Republican indorsement for District Attorney if Chairman Odell of the State committee has any say in the matter, was what Mr. Odell's friends were saving last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel after they had talked with him.

To the reporters who mentioned Mr. erome's name to him Mr. Odell snarled that he had nothing to say about Mr. Jerome. To a question as to whether he thought the District Attorney would not be a good man to go on the Republican ticket Mr. Odell replied "No," and then added quickly, Er-that is, I don't know, because you must understand that I have nothing to do with local politics. Those are matters that must be left to the local leaders."

As the Citizens' Union at its May convention committed itself to of Mr. Jerome, for District Attorney, it is apparent that if Mr. Odell should prevent his indorsement by the Rebublicans there can be no fusion between the Republicans and the Cits.

Charles F. Murphy was at Tammany Hall again yesterday, but he adhered to his attitude that it is too early yet to talk politics. The Democratic city convention, is to be held in Carnegie Hall in the first

MARSHALL FIELD'S WEALTH. He Pays Taxes on \$40,000,000 in Cook County, Rarely Kicking.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15 .- The contributions of Marshall Field to the coffers of Cook county this year were announced to-day by the Board of Review.

Mr. Field will pay taxes on a real estate valuation of \$30,000,000 and on a personal property valuation of \$10,000,000. Unlike many of the wealthy citizens of Cook county who appear to think the system of taxation is without fairness, Mr. Field meets his obligation without a murmur of objection inless he has been made the subject of flagrant injustices.

There are those who declare that Mr Field, were he to realize full value on all his possessions, could sign a check for \$200,-000,000. The more conservative, however estimate his wealth at between \$100,000,000 and \$150,000,000. Nobody but Marshall Field knows how rich Marshall Field considers himself to be.

"It is a pleasure to deal with Mr. Field," said one of the county tax officials. "His complaints are few and when he does utter a complaint there always is a just ground for it. He is not one of those who deem it a matter of good business to escape paying their full share of the taxes. He

NEARLY DROWNED HER RESCUER.

oung Woman Clasped Her Arms About Him-Slipped Into Deep Hole in Pond. CENTERPORT, L. I., Aug. 15 .- Arthur Codman Hurd of Manhattan and Huntington rescued Miss Mary Mortimer of Brooklyn from drowning yesterday. It was only after a hard struggle that he succeeded in getting

the young woman safely to shore. Miss Mortimer, a trained nurse, went bathing in the mill pond. She cannot swim and had not been warned of the deep holes in the pond. Suddenly she stepped into a hole near the floodgates, and with a

a noise near the neodgates, and with a scream, sank out of sight.

Mr. Hurd, who was near, rushed to her aid. The moment he reached her she grabbed him about the neck and shoulders with a graph that recommends. grabbed him about the neck and shoulders with a grip that momentarily rendered him powerless. They went under water together. It was perfectly plain to Mr. Hurd, who is of muscular build, that he must get away from the woman or both would drown. He had decided to use his free arm to hit her a blow that would stun her, so he could take her ashore. As they came to the surface, however, the woman's grip weakened and he held her away from him and started for the shore. and started for the shore.

"FEEL AT HOME ON THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

"After traveling over the world a person appreciates the Pennsylvania Raliroad with its superior equipment, clean, rock-ballasted roadbed and excellent dining car service." Remark of recent passenger on the "Pennsylvania Special,"

CORTELYOU TO HEAD TREASURY. PASS OVER JAP -Hanna's Boomers Rouse Comment.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- George B. Cortelyou, Postmaster-General, will succeed Leslie M. Shaw as Secretary of the Treasury when the latter voluntarily retires next February, if he will accept the place. Such is the opinion of those highest in official authority here ..

It was said to-day that the offer has already been informally made and that Mr. Cortelyou has shown some hesitation about accepting, preferring the work of the Post Office Department.

Some unfavorable comment was heard in official circles to-day over the brass band campaign inaugurated in Indiana in behalf of Hugh H. Hanna for the Treasury portfolio as soon as THE SUN despatches announced Japs Believed to Have Yielded that his name had been favorably mentioned here. Those who know Mr. Hanna's fine sense of propriety believe the movement was without his authority and was started by politicians who wanted to get to the pie

If Mr. Cortelyou goes to the head of the Treasury Department, it is mentioned as one of the possibilities that Harry S. New of Indianapolis, who enjoys the President's confidence in a high degree, will get an offer of the place of Postmaster-General.

LOOMIS SOON TO GET OUT. William Carey Sanger May Be Scoretary Root's First Assistant.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 15.-The possible appointment of William Cary Sanger to succeed Francis B. Loomis as Assistant Secretary of State is still understood here to be a mooted question. It is known that Secretary Root desires an assistant secretary "at least as close to him as Col. Sanger. But if Col. Sanger is actually the choice of Mr. Root the President doesn't know it, and it is a matter of doubt who will succeed Mr. Loomis, but that he will soon have a successor is certain.

NO EXTRA SESSION, TAFT TOLD. President Sends a Message to the Secretary at Ilollo.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ILOILO, Aug. 15 .- At luncheon on the transport Logan to-day Secretary Taft read a cable message from President Roosevelt which said: "I am of opinion that an extra session will be unnecessary."

The message from the President was received with applause by the Senators. Representatives and others present. It is probable that several of the Congressmen will take advantage of this to prolong their tour of the Orient.

KING ALFONSO IN AUTO SMASH. Breaks Machine Avoiding a Collision but He Escapes Injury.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
MADRID, Aug. 15.—King Alfonso was in an automobile accident to-day while returning to San Sebastian from Portugal. Versions of the affair differ, but the King was apparently unhurt.

The most reliable account says that his Majesty was steering when he met another motor car on a winding road near Usurbil, skirting the river Orio. The King was obliged, in order to avoid a collision, to steer sharply to the right. The sudden movement caused two tires to burst. No-

The King entered the following car and continued his journey to Miramar, where he attended services in the parish church. Another story says that the King was speeding his car when it collided with another automoble driven by the Marquis of Urquijo. His Majesty was thrown into the road, but was picked up uninjured.

SNOW IN PENNSYLVANIA. Hazleton Policemen Not Only Saw the Flakes, but Felt 'Em.

HATLETON, Pa., Aug. 15.—Policemen and others who were abroad at 1 o'clock this morning say there was a lively flurry of snow in this city at that hour. Following a week of intensely warm weather, the temperature began to drop last evening, and at midnight it was down to 45 degrees. The policemen say they caught some flakes and tried to collect enough to make a midsummer snow highball for the Mayor, but did not succeed.

WILL CARRY ARMS IN CANADA. Buffalo Regiment Has Permission to Parade

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 15.—The Dominion Government has promptly granted the ecessary permission to allow the Seventyfourth Regiment of the National Guard of New York to visit Toronto. It will carry arms through the streets there on Labor Day, Sept. 4, when the city is crowded with

Day, Sept. 4, when the city is crowded with visitors during fair week.

There was an absence of the red tape which nearly prevented the Forty-third Regiment of Ottawa from going to Boston a few weeks ago. When the Dominion authorities were asked, they promptly granted the requests made by the New York State authorities. There is a possibility that both Prince Louis of Battenberg and the Russian and Japanese peace plenipotentiaries may be in Toronto on Labor Day.

CHAMPAGNE FOR THE VERMONT

Temperance Folk. BENNINGTON, Vt., Aug. 15 .- Gov. Bell was questioned to-day as to what liquid would be used at the launching of the battleship Vermont at Quincy, Mass., next month. He emphatically declared for champagne. He said that he had received many letters from members of the W. C. T. U. and other temperance organizations requesting that something besides wine be used, but that as far as he was concerned champagne had always been used and he could see no necessity in making

a change. John S. Kennedy Made Secretary of the

State Railroad Commission. ALBANY, Aug. 15 .- The State Railroad Commission, at its meeting in New York to-day, appointed John S. Kennedy, post-master of Corning, as its secretary at a Mr. Kennedy's selection was due to the influence of Senator William J. Tully of

State Water Board Chooses Myron S. Falk of Columbia.

Albany, Aug. 15 .- The State Water Board met here to-night. Myron S. Falk of the faculty of Columbia College was appointed consulting engineer of the board, subject to the approval of Gov. Higgins, at a salary of \$5,000.

DEMAND FOR LAND

Envoys, Disagreeing on That 60 On to Other Conditions for Peace.

FATE OF INTERNED SHIPS

Temporarily on That Peint.

United States and China May Have Voice in Final Disposition of Vessels That Sought Refuge in Their Ports-Cession of Railway in Manchuria Not Considered-Envoys to Get Simplest Terms Out of the Way First-Day's Proceedings Make the Peace Advocates Hopeful

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 15 .- Russia and Japan struck the first snag to-day in their attempt to navigate the difficult and tortuous waters that lead to peace. Predictions have been freely made that when this occurred all hope of success would vanish and the attempt to settle the Far Eastern war would end abortively.

But the four able men to whom their respective Governments have entrusted the determination of the destinies of the two great nations whose affairs hold the foremost place of interest in the eyes of the civilized world disappointed the prophets of evil by doing what all sensible men would do. When they realized that it was useless to attempt to reach an agreement at this time upon the point in dispute they calmly made a note of it and turned to the next question before them.

In this course of action the world has the assurance that the plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan intend to make an honest effort to perform the duty which has brought them to this New England town, far removed from scenes of hostile conflict and political agitation. From the moment when they reached the phase of discussion it became a foregone conclusion that they would attempt to "make good" in the eyes of the world by giving an opportunity for a full and free interchange of views upon every aspect of the problems which were placed before them for adjustment. It was not supposed that they would find the way smooth and easy; in fact, the progress they have made in the few days devoted to actual consideration of the issues, has been a very surprising feature of the conference. Their failure to agree to-day may mean much or little, but their decision to proceed with their work is to be accepted as an evidence of their good sense and de votion to the cause of peace.

SAKHALIN THE DISPUTED POINT.

Information derived from a source regarded as reliable leads to the belief that the Japanese demand for the cession of Sakhalin Island to the Tokio Government is the point upon which the envoys failed to agree. This was article 5 of the Japanese conditions, and when the plenipotentiaries found that they could not agree upon a harmonious adjustment of its provisions, they came to the conclusion that it should be sidetracked for the time being in order not to delay the consideration of other articles not so seriously regarded.

The dispute over article 5 occurred at he morning session of the, envoys and upon the recess for luncheon they authorized the following statement:

"In the morning session of Aug. 15 the conference discussed Articles IV. and V. Article VI. was unanimously agreed upon. Not being able to arrive at a unanimous decision on Article V. the plenipotentiaries decided to take note of the divergent views and to proceed with the discussion of the other articles."

To attempt to give an account of what occurred at the conference of to-day is to pretend knowledge that nobody is believed to possess outside of those who were present at the session. From an unquestioned source of information it is learned, however, that the Russian plenipotentiaries have accepted Japan's condition that her preponderance of influence in Corea be recognized by Russia, coupled with the proviso upon which Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen insisted that Russia receive most favored nation treatment in her trade intercourse with the hermit kingdom, and that they have also agreed to the Japanese demand that Manchuria be evacuated. The evacuation clause of the arrangement thus far completed provides for the withdrawal not only of Russian, but of Japanese troops. It was finally adjusted at this morning's session.

DISCUSSION OF THE INTERNED SHIPS. When the plenipotentiaries assembled after luncheon they immediately began the consideration of article 6. Strict secrecy

as to what this article provided is being observed by both sides, but it leaked out this evening that the Russian envoys had gained a victory in the adjustment of it. From this one known fact the inference is drawn that the Japanese demand for the possession of the Russian ships interned under the custody of the American and the Chinese governments at Manila, San Francisco, Shanghai and Chefoo was the ques-

Some suprise was manifested when it pecame known that Japan had insisted that hese vessels of war be transferred to her,

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discussion of the interned ships was a matter involving the consent of the United States and China.

In spite of the understanding among many that the Japanese conditions represented an irreducible minimum of demands, little doubt has been felt by those who have followed the peace developments intelligently that Japan had made her terms of the severest possible character with the full intention of modifying them in order to effect a compromise. That this idea was entirely correct is demonstrated by the knowledge obtained this evening of Russia's success in combating Japan's insistence upon the adoption of article 6.

From what leaked out upon this point there is reason to suppose that Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira receded from the position they had assumed. In other words, granting that it was the matter of the transfer to Japan of interned Russian ships which resulted in success for the Czar's emissaries, the disposition of these ships upon the conclusion of the war will be made only as the result of an international conference to which the United States and China, as well as Russia and Japan, will be parties.

RESULTS TO DATE. It is useless in the face of the secrecy

that is being displayed by both parties to the conference to attempt to give in regular order the various points upon which the plenipotentiaries have reached a conclusion. But it appears probable that the adjustment thus far has embraced the following items:

Russia agrees to recognize the preponderating influence of Japan in Corea. Japan consents to allow Russia the ad-

vantage of most favored nation treatment in Corea. Russia and Japan agree to respect the

territorial and political integrity of China. Russia and Japan agree to withdraw all heir military forces from Chinese territory. Russia agrees to surrender to Japan her cases of Port Arthur and the Lisotung Peninsula. Upon this last point, however,

there is no definite assurance that the disposition indicated has been made. RAILWAY CESSION NOT DISCUSSED.

From a high source of authority it was earned, after the conclusion of the afternoon session of the envoys, that the Japanese demand for the cession to the Tokio Government of the Russian Railway in Manchuria, between Port Arthur and Harbin, had not been discussed in the conference. This question, regarded by many as the rock upon which the effort to bring about peace will go to pieces, will probably be considered synchronously with the matter of indemnity. It has been indicated more than once in THE SUN's despatches from Portsmouth that the disposition of the railway is intimately associated in the Russian mind with the indemnity problem. Those whose opinions are entitled to respect have felt no doubt that the Portsmouth conference would reach a happy conclusion if a means could be found of satisfying Japan's demands without comprice, or at most, a comparatively small amount of cash, for the promise by her

opponent not to prosecute the war. The suggestion has been made-and made in a quarter where some intimate knowledge of Russia's attitude is to be found—that if Japan would deduct from the amount of indemnity demanded an amount approximating a high percentage of the railway's actual value the means might be found of reaching the basis for a treaty of peace. It is this which makes the railway question of such vital imporance in the negotiations. This indicates why the plenipotentiaries have been in no hurry to reach it.

The envoys, it may now be stated, have agreed not to take up the Japanese demands for the payment of indemnity and the cession of territory until the very last. In the meantime every effort will be made to adjust what may be termed the minor points of difference. The great battle of diplomacy will come when the road has been cleared of all obstacles except those which more particularly involve the honor, pride and dignity-and perhaps it should

be said the purse—of Russia. The first session to-day lasted from 9:30 until 12:30 and the second, which was begun at 3 o'clock, was prolonged until after 6.

RUSSIA NOT ENCOURAGED. Still Pessimistic Despite Progress the En-

veys Have Made. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 15 .- Expectations of the fail re of the negotiations are not affected by the progress made upon subordinate points in the peace conference at Portsmouth. Even the commercia world, which ardently hopes for peace, is asking when the delegates will reach the questions of handing over Russian money and territory, and only those who think that Japan may abate her claims on those two points have any hopes of success

of the negotiations. The spokesman of the Foreign Office is still without a statement of even the points already considered at the conference but expresses the hope that the conference will continue for some time as obviously it is to Russia's interest to demonstrate that she is a reasonable negotiator.

JAPANESE FLEET ACTIVE. Russian Post on Lazaraba Point Captured After a Fight.

Special Cable Despaics to THE SUN.
TOK10, Aug. 15.—Vice-Admiral Kataoka ttacked the Russians, who were guarding Lezaraba Point, in the Straits of Tartary, on Aug. 13. He lost one killed and four wounded, but finally dispersed the Russians and captured the post.

A torpedo boat destroyer captured eigheen men and the telegraph station at Raioro, on the east coast of Sakhalin, on the same day.

for the point has been made clear that the | tering along the railway and the Kirin road from Chantafu on Aug. 12, drove in the Russian outposts, killing eleven men and capturing ten. A counter attack by the

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Russians was repulsed. LONDON, Aug 16. In a despatch to the Morning Post from St. Petersburg, the correspondent says he learns from a disin-terested source that the Russian claim that den. Linievitch's army has been considerably strengthened isn't mere boasting. In nany respects his army is now more effec-

JAPS LAND NEAR THE AMUR. Force of Marines Destroy the Bussian

tive than was Kuropatkin's.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. TOKIO, Aug. 15,-Vice Admiral Katakoa sent a detachment to bombard the Russian works at Cape Lazareff and the approaches to the River Amur. Marines were landed and destroyed the Russian communications. A regular steam service was opened

the Island of Sakahlin to-day. The newspapers deplore the Russian folly in not accepting the Japanese peace

RUSSIAN PEASANTS KILLING. Three Landowners Slain - The Conscription Lists Destroyed.

Special Cable Despatch is to THE SUN. St. PETERSBURG, Aug. 15.-The newspapers say that peasants in Livonia have aided many estates and killed three landwners. In Courland the peasants sacked wenty-two municipal buildings and destroyed the conscription lists and other documents. They looted the State money,

out did not meddle with the charity funds. LONDON, Aug. 16 .- The correspondent of The Standard at Moscow who attended the congress of peasants describes the extraordinary precautions taken to prevent disovery. The peasants met in a country nouse near Moscow. Much business was transacted at night in an unlighted room, lest a light attract the military patrols. It was a curious experience listening to the

peeches in the darkness. Delegates were present from all parts of Russia. Many of them were illiterate. Several came afoot long distances. Many who started were intercepted by the police and asked to explain their business. They could not give satisfactory answers and were arrested and placed in jail.

The first day of the Congress was mostly occupied in listening to verbal accounts by the representatives of the proceedings of the authorities. It was a piteous tale and if only a quarter were true would almost justify the excesses of another French Revolution. Hour after hour the recital proceeded. Everywhere injustice and oppression pre-

The Judges and priests of rural districts form an impassable barrier against the complaints of the downtrodden peasants upon whom all prey with impunity. Great indignation was expressed at the suppression by local officials of the Czar's ukase. The rescript in some cases was not read to them until months after it had

vailed without a possibility of redress.

been issued. In some cases it was completely withheld. The correspondent noted that many declared indignantly against the methods of revolutionary agitators in attacking the Caar. They said: "We are quite willing to limit his power, but we must have our Czar. We want laws of our own making,

but with the Czar to watch the execution One speaker said: "The priests are our ing more than a branch of the police, to whom the priests are compelled to denounce their parishioners whenever they uspect them of being interested in politi-

cal questions." On the second day the congress met in house within the city boundaries. The discussion principally turned to land. The general view was that God made the land for all and it ought to be as free as air or

sunlight. Only one speaker pointed out that land was worthless without capital, and few if any believed in the theory that nobody is entitled to land unless he works for it They declared that the State and Church lands ought to be handed over to the peasants without redemption and that private owners should retain only as much

land as they could themselves work. CZAR SAID TO BE ILL. Berlin Has a Report That He Will Seen

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Aug. 15 .- A despatch from St. Peters' urg to the Tageblatt says that the Czar is reported to be seriously ill. It is rumored in government circles that he will abdicate soon in favor of his son. Until the latter's majority

cluding the Grand Duke Constantine Constantingvitch. DELIA LYTTEL CONFESSES.

three members of the imperial family, in-

regency will be instituted, composed

Owns Up to Kid McCoy That She Shot Herself. Delia W. Lyttel, the girl who was found shot last Friday and who insisted that her wound was not self-inflicted, admitted in Bellevue Hospital yesterday that she had attempted suicide. The admission was extracted by Kid McCoy, the pugilist, to whom the woman had written letters.

The Kid went to the hospital by prearrangement with Detective James of the West 125th street station. The woman refused to talk in the presence of the detective, but he heard most of the conversation without her knowledge. "I want you to tell me the facts," said

She refused at first, but after repeated uestions said: "I shot myself, but no one will ever know

why I did it. The reason that I wouldn't dmit it before is that I didn't want you to think me a damned fool and other people to think me crazy." McCoy told the police that he first saw

the woman about ten days ago, and never met her outside his place. "It's simply a case of a woman's becom-ing infatuated with me," he said, "and

or to touch me for a loan." Police Captain Ferris Paralyzed.

hurting herself so as to get my sympathy

MASTIC, L. I., Aug. 15.—Capt. James B. Ferris of the New York police, who has a summer cottage at Centre Moriches, was stricken with paralysis this morning at his home there. His condition for a time was